

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 2, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Co-chair; Council President Thomas McCarthy;
Martin McCarthy; Lydia Martinez, Warren Blunt

STAFF: Atty. Stephen Mednick; Atty. Ed Maley

OTHERS: Rev. John Olson; Council Member Angel dePara; Council Member Andre
Baker

RECONVENE FROM RECESS

Council Member Paoletto reconvened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

97-11 Proposed Charter Revision Report

Atty. Mednick distributed copies of a document titled "Ordinance Committee of the City Council
- City of Bridgeport - Recommendation for the Charter Revision Commission, July 2, 2012"

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER THE DOCUMENT
"ORDINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF BRIDGEPORT -
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION, JULY 2,
2012" AS EXHIBIT A-7/2/12.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Atty. Mednick then said that the new document was a modification of the previous document.
He then reviewed the changes that were made after the previous portion of the meeting outlined
in the document.

Atty. Mednick said that there had been a request from the head of the Parks Department to
reduce the number of Commission members from 9 members to 7 because they have had
problems assembling a quorum in the past.

Council President McCarthy then spoke about another change regarding the Fire and Police
Department.

Council President McCarthy then said that Rev. Olson had submitted a number of changes in
writing over the weekend. Rev. Olson stated that he was suggesting that the Council President
preside over the Council Meetings.

A second change in Chapter 5, Section 2.F. would empower the Council Committee Chair to appoint another Council Member to be a temporary Committee member to form a quorum. Atty. Mednick explained that this had already been included in the document.

Council President McCarthy said regarding presiding over the Council that while he had no strong feelings one way or another, he would prefer a requirement for the Mayor to be present at the Council Meetings.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND EXHIBIT A-7/2/12 "ORDINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF BRIDGEPORT - RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION, JULY 2, 2012" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TWO CHANGES:**

"CHAPTER 5. SECTION. 2 - THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD PRESIDE OVER THE COUNCIL MEETINGS, IN LIEU OF THE MAYOR."; AND

"CHAPTER 5. SECTION 2.B (1) AND (2). DELETE THE WORD "MAYOR".

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Paoletto said, that Chapter 5. Sec 2.F, allowing Council Committee Chair to appoint another Council Member to be a temporary Committee member in order to attain a quorum, and Chapter 7 Sec. 3, regarding Council approval of the members of the Candidates Qualification Board, would be handled separately.

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND EXHIBIT A-7/2/12 "ORDINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF BRIDGEPORT - RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION, JULY 2, 2012" PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There was a brief discussion about Item 43, which was under consideration for possible contradictions. Council President McCarthy said that there had been extensive discussions regarding this item.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THAT REGARDING AGENDA ITEM #97-11 PROPOSED CHARTER REVISION REPORT THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL THAT THE CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATE AND REPORT THE ATTACHED/ENCLOSED LIST OF RECOMMENDED CHANGES/AMENDMENTS IN AND TO THE DRAFT PROPOSED CHARTER REVISION REPORT TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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